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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Virtual Meeting

THURSDAY, April 7, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

The virtual meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at approximately 9 a.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Joel Allumbaugh (Chair), Dr. Neil Korsen, Anne Head (Vice Chair), Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Michelle Probert, David Regan, and Ronald Watson. Absent: Andrew Ellis and Peter Gore. Also participating were Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General.

**Chair Report**

Joel opened the meeting with introductions and a review of the voting protocol for virtual meetings. The board reviewed and voted unanimously to approve as drafted the February 3, 2022 meeting notes. Joel then asked Karynlee for her report.

**Executive Director Report**

**Refer to Meeting Presentation which can be found here:** [**https://mhdo.maine.gov/boardMtngs.htm**](https://mhdo.maine.gov/boardMtngs.htm) **for details on topics summarized below:**

**Board Appointments to MHDO’s Health Information Advisory Committee (HIAC) as Required in Public Law 2021, Chapter 423 (LD 541)**

Karynlee reviewed with the board the requirement in PL. 2021, Chapter 423, regarding the creation of the MHDO Health Information Advisory Committee. Specifically, she focused on the requirement of the MHDO board to appoint 6 members of the 11-member committee. The appointments for 5 of the 6 members were voted on unanimously as follows:

One member representing consumers of health care: Joel Allumbaugh

One member representing providers: Dr. Neil Korsen

One member representing hospitals: David Winslow, Maine Hospital Association

One member representing employers: Lisa Nolan, Director of Value-Based Purchasing, Healthcare Purchaser Alliance of Maine

One member representing carriers: TBD

One member representing the state employee health plan under Title 5, section 285: Breena Bissell, Director of the Bureau of Human Resources

Karynlee will follow up with Katherine Pelletreau with the Maine Association of Health Plans to discuss a representative for the carriers and report back to the board at the June meeting. Karynlee also shared the list of other appointments to the HIAC as follows:

* One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate: Senator Vitelli
* One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives: TBD
* The Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee: TBD
* The Superintendent of Insurance or the Superintendent's designee: Joanne Rawlings-Sekunda, Director, Consumer Health Care Division

Lastly, Karynlee plans to convene the HIAC for its first meeting this summer.

**Vote on Final Adoption of Rule Chapter 120, *Release of Data to the Public***

Karynlee summarized the steps including the timeline that led to the legislature passing LD 1842, *Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 120: Release of Data to the Public, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization,* as an emergency measure and the Governor signing the bill on March 16, 2022. The next step in the process is for the Board to vote in favor of final adoption of rule Chapter 120, *Release of Data to the Public*; and to authorize Karynlee to sign the MAPA 1 form. A motion was made and seconded to vote in favor of final adoption of rule Chapter 120, *Release of Data to the Public*; and to authorize Karynlee to sign the MAPA 1 form. The motion passed unanimously.

**Request to Initiate Rulemaking for Chapter 570: *Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets;* and Chapter 100*: Enforcement Procedures (both major substantive rules)***

Karynlee summarized the reasons for requesting the boards authorization to initiate rule making for Ch. 570 and Ch. 100. Karynlee stated that the primary reason for opening Ch. 570 is toincorporate the details of the notes that address the inconsistencies in the law (PL 2021, Ch. 305) and in the rule; and the primary reason for opening Ch.100 is to add language for the enforcement of Rule Chapter 247, *Uniform Reporting System for Non-Claims Based Payments.* Karynlee also reviewed the proposed timeline:

October 6, 2022: Board Holds Public Hearing onProposed Changes

December 2, 2022 (additional meeting): Board reviews comments and responses; and considers provisional adoption of rule changes.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize Karynlee to initiate rule making for Ch. 570 and Ch. 100. The motion passed unanimously (Ron Watson was absent for this vote). The board also agreed to the schedule as proposed.

**Legislative Update**

Karynlee provided a legislative update specific to the bills that if passed will impact MHDO and MQF; specifically, LD 1636, *An Act To Reduce Prescription Drug Costs by Using International Pricing;* LD 1196*, An Act Regarding Reporting on Spending for Behavioral Health Care Services and to Clarify Requirements for Credential by Health Insurance Carriers;* LD 1867*, An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform*

**Maine Quality Forum (MQF)**

Karynlee reported on the key activities that the MQF is working on. Including developing a work plan for the new reporting requirement under LD 1196, *An Act Regarding Reporting on Spending for Behavioral Health Care Services and to Clarify Requirements for Credential by Health Insurance Carriers;* and aproposal on the feasibility of replacing the cell phone bars on CompareMaine with an alternative approach for translating the rates/ confidence intervals for the quality measures and drafting language for improved transparency on how we calculate quality measures on CompareMaine.

Karynlee discussed the status of Project Firstline and brought to the boards attention the new content that has been added to the Infection Prevention Forum, the infection prevention online learning modules for healthcare and direct care professionals that has been developed in partnership with Maine CDC, University of Southern Maine and the Federal CDC. Karynlee shared the link to the site and encouraged board members to review the site as applicable. <https://maineinfectionpreventionforum.org/>

**Public Comments**

None

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 a.m.